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The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 36 and 37 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996.

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Statement

Undoubtedly, the civilization concept of right is based on a balance between the rights of individuals and rights of society. For every right there is a commitment. The civilization system has no "absolute right", which is practiced by individuals without heeding its consequences, responsibilities and bounds with others.

Therefore, all heavenly religions are unanimous that the sexual relation between man and woman must be conducted only through the legitimate bond of marriage so as to establish the family where the sublime social emotions, including friendliness, mercy, kindness, love, mercy and self-denial develop. Without the family, the society would not have been developed or taken its way to elevation and perfection. The family also represents a guarantee for the rights of each of its both parties at the same time, and the woman in particular. Having sex outside the framework of legitimate marriage leads to confusion of lineage, prejudice against the offspring, degeneration of families, break of bonds, spread of diseases and collapse of morals. It also leads to the undermining of emotional, social, material and legal rights of the woman. The relations outside the framework of the family achieve for the woman neither psychological nor emotional stability.

So, is it wise that the woman gives up willingly all these rights completely in return for a passing relation that ensues no responsibility or commitment from her partner towards her or her child? She thus resorts to abortion, which physically and psychologically harms her and then goes to a psychiatrist to treat her of the depression caused by this abortion, which represents the main cause of 40% of the suicidal cases of.

Is it in favour of society that illegitimate children are born out of passing relations and are deprived of their simplest rights; to have a known lineage? They thus form an economic burden on the state on the one hand and a social and human burden on the other hand. Is it in favour of society to witness the spread of sexually transmitted diseases, such as AIDS, and the pregnancy of teenagers? This will be only solved through establishing the "culture of immaculateness" which encourages the relation between woman and man through the legitimate bondage of marriage and forbids the sexual practice outside the framework of marriage.

The international community is required now to set a framework for concepts where individual, social and human rights, alike, are observed. If individual rights clash with the right of society, the restriction of individual freedom starts.

There is no problem to reconsider and steadily evaluate the agreements and charters issued by the UN to ensure that the cultural and religious plurality of the world's peoples is respected as problems differ according to cultures and societies and solutions are, accordingly, different.